GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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VIOLATION OF LICENCE TERMS BY RELIANCE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the profit earned by Reliance Infocom after violating the licence norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the criteria fixed for charging penalty from Reliance Infocom for violating licence norms including the outstanding penalty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Government has accepted the expert view of independent Regulator i.e. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), which is based on the Regulator`s own analysis of the situation taking into account the terms and conditions of the licence. Accordingly, a penalty of Rupees 525.24 crores was imposed.

(d) Reliance Infocom is to pay penal interest from date of signing of license agreement till the date of migration to Unified Access Service Regime in addition to the entry fee paid by fourth Cellular Operator in respective service area. The penal interest is charged as per the terms and conditions of the Cellular Mobile Service License dealing with delay in payment of any dues. The amount had been paid and there is no outstanding amount in this respect as on date.